

**MORE THAN
A QUARTER**

of a

MILLION LINES

284,823

These figures represent the *increase* in the number of lines of advertising printed in **THE SUN** and **THE EVENING SUN**

compared with the same months of 1901.	
This Gain was divided as follows:	
THE SUN	134,322
or more than 23%.	
THE EVENING SUN	150,501
or more than 38%.	
The Daily Gain was:	
THE SUN	1,476
THE EVENING SUN	1,734
or almost one page a day.	
<i>Such growth tells its own story.</i>	
June, 1902, witnessed these Gains as com-	

pared with June, 1900.

THE SUN	58,016
or more than 22%.	
THE EVENING SUN	49,363
or more than 42%.	
Total	107,379

No Other Newspaper Approached
This Showing.

ST WORDS FROM DOUGHERTY.
to Water Stealing, Soft Coal, Poor Filter
Plants and Subway Conduits.

DUDLEY PHELPS HAS RESIGNED

1 DEPUTY COLLECTOR FOR

Department of Water Supply, Gas & Electricity, for the period ending with 1932, was sent to Mr. McAvoy and Mr. Stranahan, Commissioners, J. Hampden Maguire. It contains these statements among others:

It has been discovered that the accounts of brewers' steamboat companies, rapid transit contractors and other large consumers of water have been allowed to stand upon the books of the department for many years. Charges amounting to thousands of dollars have, in some instances, through continued neglect, been allowed to run unliquidated for years. In one instance, that of a ferry company, a bill for \$1,000 was allowed to stand for many years. Through subsequent bills had been paid, the use of this collection had been discontinued. The result was that the department was left with arrears, and the only effect of this course of collection was to shift off the responsibility of payment to the consumer. This procedure has been followed uniformly, resulting in prompt payment of the amount due, in many cases a threat to sue, and in many cases no payment at all to bring payment.

Permits for the use of hydrants had been issued without payment, or any effort to secure payment, after permits had expired. The result was that the department's contractors' permits had been extended for years without any payment to the department.

It is suggested that it would be for the interest of the public at large to amend the salary law, prohibiting the use of soft coal at the city's pumping station, and to provide an alternative is to use soft coal to stop the water supply to one-half of the

TEARS WASHED FROM HIS EYES

After AGO & HEWILL Quit and CHILDS Resigns, McAvoy Will Be Temporarily in Charge of the Law Division at the Custom House—Letter of Resignation

Dudley F. Phelps, who, as Deputy Director in charge of the law division of the Custom House, has been a conspicuous figure in customs circles for many years, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by Collector Stranahan. This was the first resignation accepted by Mr. Phelps's letter, dated July 9.

N. N. Stranahan, Esq., Collector of the Port of New York

DEAR SIR: I herewith respectfully tender my resignation as Deputy Director in charge of your office, to take effect as soon after the 15th inst. as will be convenient to you.

Saturday last was the thirtieth anniversary of my first assumption of the duties of this position, on the 1st of April, 1872. The responsibilities of the office have grown so immensely increased and so great that I find it almost onerous that I do not feel justified in myself that I ought to remain longer at the present time. I am, however, in accordance with your provisions the salary cannot be increased over what it was forty years ago, and not for the reason that I have not been here since 1872 and the strain is becoming too much for a man of my age.

My relations have been so popular and agreeable, I shall part from you officially with regret, but I am confident that the administration will prove one of the ablest

to me that a structural weakness in the filter tanks at Springfield, Ill., might result in the tanks being shut down. A thorough investigation of the efficiency of these tanks is indispensable. The tanks do not seem to conform to contract requirements. The building is not suitable side for properly enclosing filters nor is single room provided around each filter. The tanks need more operation and repairs, not the buildings. I recently notified J. S. Edwards, chief engineer of the Erie R. Co., that it is said to be a brick structure, with concrete tanks, and that the tanks are 12 ft. high, while the plants at Springfield and Jamaica are of brick and wood, and I am inclined to believe that I am right by the conviction that this design could expect no substantial improvement. The contract for the tanks might be obtained until 1904. I have given my investigation, nor did the small variations of 27 seem to justify its cost.

Mr. Dougherty hopes that the highway has been smoothed and the path has been lightened.

I made public just before leaving yesterday a letter to President (Mr. J. B. E.) of the Commission, regarding specific information as to the ways to which the electrical conduits in the city are to be put. Mr. Orr had already written to me that the cost of the conduits for the connection of the main line with the power houses, and had forwarded the same to the city engineer, with drawings and specifications, and Mr. Dougherty had been able to get this, though Mr. Houty

any other purposes.

Engineer Freeman Left for Mr. Dougherty to Pay.

Another effort was made yesterday at the meeting of the Aldermen to put through a resolution authorizing J. Hampden Dougherty, the retiring Commissioner of Street Supply, to employ John R. Freeman Providence as a special consulting engineer for three months at \$2,500. The resolution was introduced just about two hours before Mr. Dougherty's successor was sworn in, and it was shelved, so that, as reported, Mr. Freeman has been waiting for the city for some weeks past will have to look to Mr. Dougherty for remuneration.

There Is More Fun in a

few than in all the "comics" combined.

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